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PROJECT OUTLINE

23 March 1954

Subject: Acquisition of Land and Buildings for the Technical Services

Laboratory of the Technical Services Staff.

Sub-Project Identification: NA

Amendment No.: NA

Originating Staff: Technical Services Staff

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a. Staff Chief : [REDACTED], Ext. 8602

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b. Division Chief : [REDACTED] Ext. 765

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c. Case Officer [REDACTED] Jr., Ext. 8006

Target Area: Washington, D. C., and 40-mile radius.

Type of Project: Technical Support

Financial Mechanism: Reimbursable purchases of land and buildings

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through other agencies of the U. S. Government.

Funds Requested: [REDACTED] vouchered - fiscal year 1954

Current Status: New project

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OBJECTIVE:

In order to insure continuity and efficiency of operations it is highly desirable that the widely separated elements of TSL be combined on land and in buildings under the absolute control of the Central Intelligence Agency. Even though such space might be under [redacted] cover, the arrangements should be such that CIA has complete authority to determine length of tenure, use of the facilities and expansion when necessary.

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The purpose of this request to the PRC is to allow TSS to search for a new facility which will relocate the TSS activities now being conducted at [redacted] and which would not possess the disadvantages inherent in these two stations. While it is hoped that a single location can be found which will provide both a [redacted]

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[redacted] of laboratory and shop space conveniently close to Washington, nevertheless, the search should not be limited to the finding of a single location. The advantages of having a laboratory and shop near Washington far outweigh the disadvantages of having the [redacted] at a more distant location if it cannot be alongside a nearby laboratory. It may well be that a laboratory can be located near Washington and within easy reach of Headquarters and that for actual [redacted] only. Naval or Army test areas would be used.

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It is essential that the area selected for the new facilities should be within less than an hour's drive from Washington in order that urgent projects can be handled quickly and with maximum security. A large part of the work handled by TSL requires close contact with the rest of TSS and other elements of the Clandestine Services. This work cannot be handled properly if the Laboratory is far from Washington. A convenient location will permit more extensive utilization of the scientific and engineering talent of TSS since it will enable personnel situated in Headquarters to maintain close liaison with TSL activities and to participate in tests and experiments. None of the sites presently available to or owned by the Agency are satisfactory.

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that the [] is remote from Washington, relatively little additional land would be required for the nearby laboratory and shop facilities since only approximately [] of floor space is contemplated for this purpose.

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The estimated expenditure of [] for the land and buildings is justified in view of the necessity for locating a new site for TSL which will provide for expansion and will be close enough to Washington to permit continuity of operation and effective utilization of personnel and equipment.

2. ORIGIN AND POLICY GUIDANCE:

- a. Origin. The requirement is basic to the operation of the Technical Services Laboratory, in the fulfillment of its general functions and responsibilities.
- b. Whence proposed. In Headquarters.

3. SITUATION:

TSL was established to assist TSE in its technical support of the Clandestine Services. TSL's facilities are used for the preliminary investigation and evaluation of new ideas and techniques and to conduct experiments to determine their feasibility prior to negotiation of a contract with a manufacturer. In many cases, TSL can handle an entire project from beginning to end without requiring the use of a private contractor. TSL handles many crash projects which involve extreme urgency and maximum security. The Laboratory performs chemical, spectographic and physical tests and analyses of materials for identification and duplication, and also tests equipment produced under outside contract to insure that it complies with specifications.

The principal functions of TSL are now being carried out at two widely separated locations. The first is called [] and is located on a military installation under the jurisdiction of the []

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[] The second installation, called [] is located on the grounds of the [] Both stations include laboratory and shop facilities as well as a [].

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The facilities of [] are shared jointly by Army

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Ordnance, the Office of Logistics of CIA and TSS. TSS has no personnel permanently assigned to [] but does support by contract the Laboratory and laboratory testing equipment which are used by the TSS contractor and his sub-contractors. The Laboratory and equipment were jointly designed and installed by TSS and Army Ordnance, and the contractor in question handles work for both organizations. As the work being done for TSS is gradually completed, the need for [] by TSS will be reduced, and many of the functions will be transferred to TSL. When [] was authorized, the staff study submitted to the PRC indicated that its use by TSS was only an interim measure. The Office of Logistics will continue to require the facilities which have been set up at []. The capital funds invested by TSS in [] in the form of buildings and facilities have been of great value in connection with the programs which are being continued and have been completed there. These buildings and facilities will eventually be of use to the Office of Logistics in its continued use of the Station.

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[] Navy property and TSS personnel are assigned to it on a permanent basis. It houses scientific and technical equipment in a usable area of approximately []. This area represents about 25% of the space actually required to house and operate the equipment on hand or in storage. Increased space is necessary to provide the proper floor layout for equipment which is now jammed into the present small building. Additional space is required to set up equipment now warehoused in view of the lack of space in which to set it up. The Bureau of Ordnance with whose permission [] was established is unwilling to allow expansion. As a matter of fact, expansion would be physically impossible since there is no vacant space nearby.

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The present Laboratory for [] is located in the center of the [] 25X1C which makes it impossible to connect tests on [] close by the laboratory. The test area which is provided by the [] is approximately 30 minutes by car from the Laboratory and is used by many different elements of the Navy Department, thus making testing under secure conditions a difficult procedure. The distance

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and time from the Laboratory to the [] also makes it difficult, if not impossible, to evaluate equipment which is being tested for performance at low temperatures or under high humidity conditions and has been conditioned for test in the Laboratory. In making space available, the Navy has pointed out that in time of war or in national emergency, the [] would be expanding, we would thus be required to vacate the premises at precisely the time when additional expansion of the facilities would become of paramount importance.

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4. PROPOSAL:

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That authority be granted to expend the sum of approximately [] ^{and} for the acquisition of land/buildings required for the establishment of an adequate TSL for TSS. Upon approval of this proposal, TSS and the Real Estate and Construction Division of the Office of Logistics will proceed with the search for a new site and the planning of the plant. TSS and the Office of Logistics have been working very closely on the preliminary phases of this project. After the site has been located, accurate cost estimates and construction plans can be finalized. When the site has been selected and the plans crystallized, a final PRC approval of the project will be requested before any commitments with respect to the land are made and before construction is authorized.

5. OPERATIONAL OUTLINE: NA

6. SECURITY:

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- a. **Cover.** It is assumed that [] will be necessary, particularly in connection with the []. If this activity is within a military installation, guard service will be provided by military personnel. If the activity is not within the limits of a military installation, guard service will be provided by the General Services Administration, Public Buildings Service.
- b. **Knowledgeability.** Only a small number of cleared non-CIA personnel will be aware of CIA interest in this activity. Such persons will be informed on a need to know basis only.
- c. **Operational Security.** NA
- d. **Risks.** None foreseen

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- e. Personnel disposal. No problems foreseen.
- f. Disaster Plan. This activity will already be decentralized from the metropolitan area of Washington, D. C. In the event of an attack concentrated on Washington, D. C., this installation will continue operations and may serve as a rendezvous for some of the personnel in TSS Headquarters. An alternate rendezvous will be determined for Laboratory personnel, to be placed in effect in the event that the operation of the Laboratory is disrupted.

7. COORDINATION: NA

8. CONTROL:

- a. Nature of. Chief/TSS through Chief/TSL.
- b. Administrative Plan. None required. This Laboratory will be an integral part of TSS Headquarters organization.
- c. Reports. No unusual reports procedure is involved.

9. BUDGET DATA:

- a. Total over-all CIA funds required for Fiscal Year 1954.
- b. Availability of CIA funds required. DD/A stated that any funds obligated in FY 1954 for TSL will come from a reserve now held by the Comptroller and not from funds currently allocated to DD/P.
- c. Non-CIA funds. NA
- d. Foreign currency. NA
- e. Funding. By standard reimbursement procedure to Public Buildings Service, GSA, or any other Government agency whose services may be utilized in this matter.
- f. Financial history. NA
- g. Future requirements. Approximately should be included in the Budget for Fiscal Year 1955. This would serve to back-up a possible situation wherein land may be acquired for TSL prior to the expiration of FY 1954, but sufficient progress may not be made to support obligation of the balance of the amount authorized in FY 1954, for the construction of buildings. This would also meet the situation wherein neither land nor buildings could be acquired in FY 1954.

10. SUPPORT DATA:

- a. Total CIA personnel. Personnel of TSS and the Office of

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Logistics will work closely with the Public Buildings Service, GSA, on the details of this project.

- b. **Material.** General aspects of the acquisition of land and the construction of buildings will be handled by the Real Estate and Construction Division of the Office of Logistics. Contracts for building construction will be awarded through Public Buildings Service, GSA.
- c. **Communications.** None required other than normal telephone service.
- d. **Other CIA support.** NA
- e. **Support required from other United States agencies.** Procurement of land and construction of buildings will probably be handled through Public Buildings Service, GSA. Guard service for the installation may be furnished by elements of the Department of Defense, or by GSA depending on the site of the Laboratory buildings

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II. GENERAL CONSIDERATIONS:

- a. **Current Status.** Preliminary engineering drawings and specifications have been completed. TSS has requested the Office of Logistics to initiate a search of the area within a radius of 40 miles of Washington, D. C., for appropriate land and buildings.
- b. **Commitments.** No commitments have been made. If this project is approved the search for land will be intensified, more work will be done on construction plans, and every effort will be made to bring matters to the point where available funds may be obligated prior to the expiration of FY 1954.
- c. **Effectiveness.** NA
- d. **Anticipated results.** Greatly increased efficiency in the utilization of TSL personnel, equipment and facilities.
- e. **Evaluation.** NA
- f. **Policy questions.** No new or unrefined policy questions involved.
- g. **Congress.** No known Congressional implications, and no actions taken or contemplated which would appear to require legislative action.
- h. **Extra-Agency action.** NA
- i. **Proprietary companies.** NA
- j. **Special considerations.** NA
- k. **Liquidation.** NA

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